

2011 Radiation Epidemiology and Dosimetry Course

ACUTE (EARLY RESPONSE) BIOLOGICAL DOSIMETRY

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Various companies developing 1 st responder software applications	None	Interactions with Technical Support Working Group developers
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Lecture Objectives/Outline*

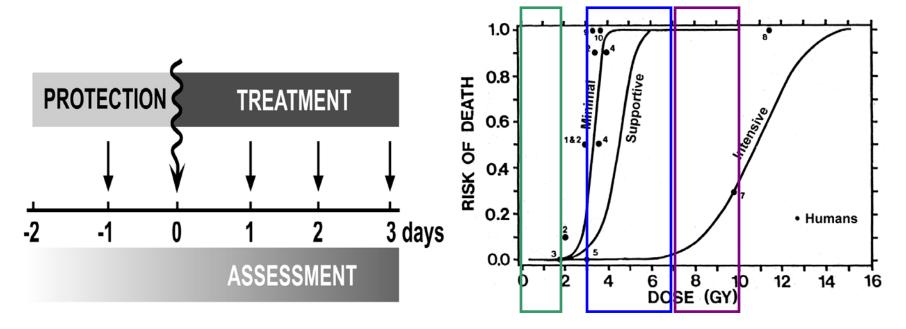
- Review scenarios when biological dosimetry is used in suspected or known radiation exposures.
- Review and illustrate the use of clinical symptoms and hematology to assess radiation exposure.
- Review and illustrate the use of cytogenetic biodosimetry for dose assessment.
- Describe applications of molecular biomarkers in radiation accidents as well as current research efforts to enhance this capability.

^{*}Retrospective biological dosimetry was addressed by Dr. James Tucker's lecture on Wednesday May 18, 2011. Additional information can be found in manuscript by Dr. Steve L. Simon and colleagues entitled Current use and future needs of biodosimetry in studies of long-term health risk following radiation exposure, Health Phys. 2010 Feb;98(2):109-17.

Conditions Where Bioindicators of Radiation Exposure Would be Useful

- Exposures of personal dosimeters
 Accidental contamination of personal dosimeter
- Suspicion of receiving higher or lower dose than indicated by the dosimeter
 - Doubtful about wearing the dosimeter
- Unusual radiation exposure of individuals not belonging to the atomic radiation worker group
- Accidental or emergency exposure
- Exposures of occupationally exposed persons under unusual circumstances
 - An exposure above an applicable dose limit
 - Medical assessment

Early-Response Biological Dosimetry

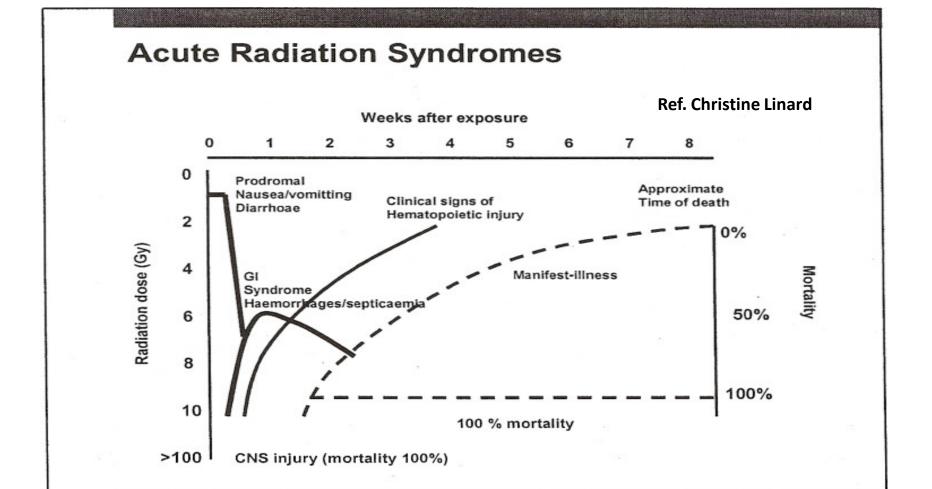


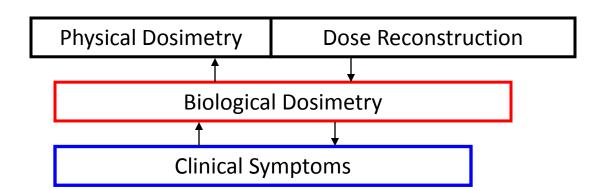
Mass Casualty Incident, healthy individual with no other injuries:

- Identify "concerned public" (worried well)
- Identify candidates for cytokine therapy (i.e., filgrastrim) as soon as possible after exposure (20 h)
- Identify candidates for stem-cell transplant therapy

Waselenko JK, MacVittie TJ, Blakely WF, et al. (2004) Medical management of the acute radiation syndrome: recommendations of the Strategic National Stockpile Radiation Working Group. *Ann Intern Med.* 140(12):1037–1051.

Blakely WF (2008) Early Biodosimetry Response: Recommendations for Mass-Casualty Radiation Accidents and Terrorism. Refresher Course for the 12th International Congress of the International Radiation Protection Association, October 19–24, 2008, Buenos Aires, Argentina, accessible at website: http://www.irpa12.org.ar/PDF/RC/_12_fullpaper.pdf





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Products/Radiation Biological Dosimetry Tools for Emergency Responders

Casualty management guidance

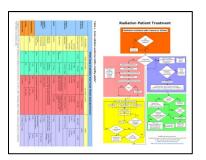
- Pocket guide to emergency procedures
- Handbook on medical management of radiological casualties
- Quick Reference Information (NCRP Recommendations)
- Internal Contamination

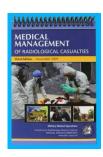
Medical data forms

- One-page emergency medical record
- Six-page radiation exposure worksheet
- One-page radiocesium worksheet

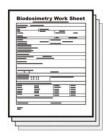
Exposure assessment software

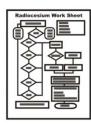
- Data-entry generated recording and diagnostic tools
 - Biodosimetry Assessment Tool (BAT)
 - First-responder Radiological Triage (FRAT)











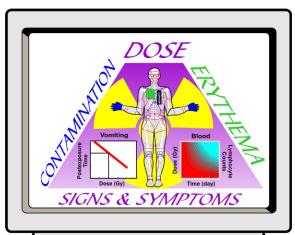




AFRRI Website: www.afrri.usuhs.mil



Software Program for Collection of Radiation Exposure Medical Data



BIODOSIMETRY ASSESSMENT TOOL



- Interprets dose-related diagnostic signs and records blood cell counts and other indices of exposure
- All file stored on local hard drive
- BAT and other products available at AFRRI website http://www.afrri.usuhs.mil

Biodosimetry — General Guidance

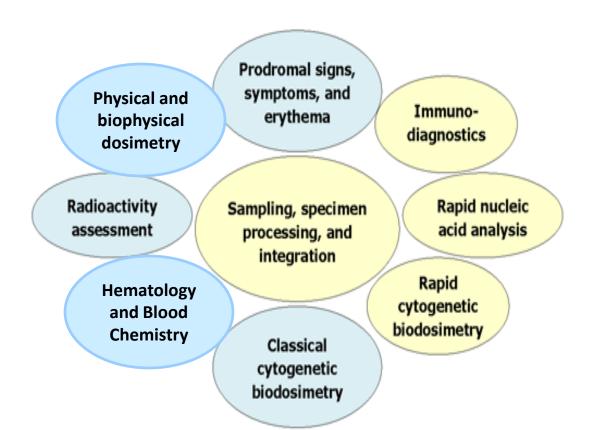
Actions needed in suspected overexposures:

- Perform measurement and bioassay, if appropriate, to determine radionuclide contamination
- Record physical dosimetry measurements, if available
- Observe/record prodromal signs (erythema), symptoms, and clinical bioassays
- Obtain CBC with white blood cell differential immediately, then every 6 hours for 2-3 days, and then twice a day for 4 days
- Contact qualified laboratory to evaluate performance of chromosomeaberration cytogenetic bioassay, using the "gold standard" dicentric assay for dose assessment
- Consider other opportunistic dosimetry approaches as available

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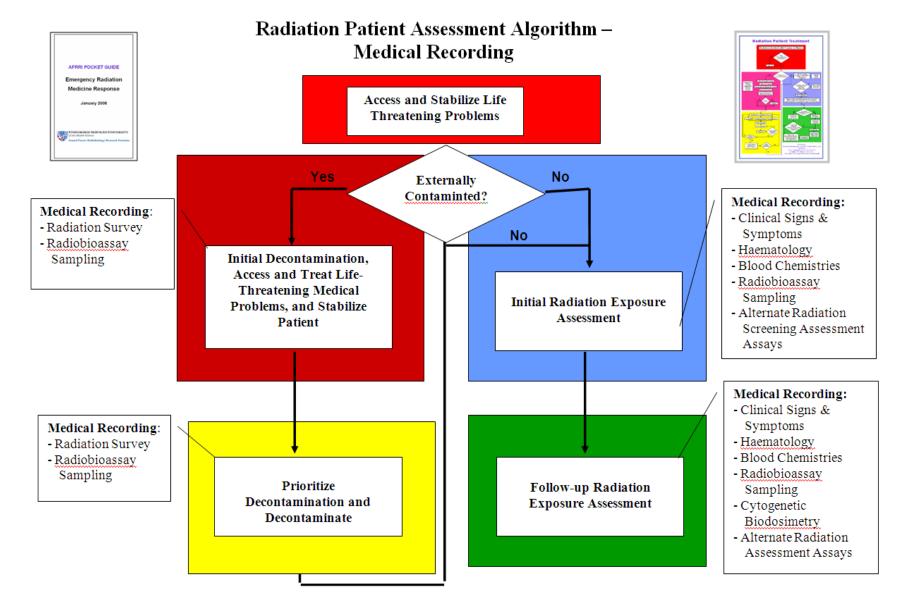
Integrated Biodosimetry and Diagnostic Systems



- No single assay is sufficient to address potential radiation exposure scenarios that are complex and involve mass casualties.
- Triage, clinical, and definitive radiation biodosimetry all require multiple bioassays and analytic technologies designed for use in chemical, biological, radiological, and environmental (CBRE) diagnostics and general medical care.

General Hypothesis. The use of multiple parameter biodosimetry assessment based on measurement of hematology changes, blood enzyme activities and/or proteins will enhance early diagnostic triage for acute radiation exposures.

Biodosimetry Concept of Operations – Medical Recording



General Guidance – Suspected Internal Radionuclide Contamination*

- Radioactivity decontamination to minimize local dose to potential wound site
- Metallic (or other) fragment sample collection for isotope identification
- Biological sample collection (e,g., urinalysis, fecal, wound, swipes from body orifices) for determination of committed dose

^{*}Recommendations of Radiation/Nuclear Technology Countermeasures (RNTC) Working Group (WG) and Biodosimetry and Devices Subpanel

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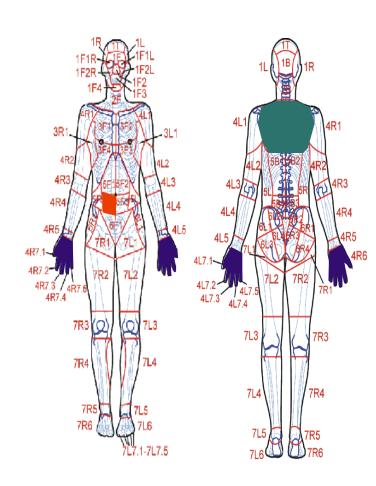
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Blakely et al. Health Physics 99 (suppl 3): S184-S191, 2010

Anatomical Location





PHYSICAL DOSIMETRY

- Location worn on body
- Date of dosimeter exposure
- Dosimeter type
- Range, sensitivity
- Reading, units

ERYTHEMA

- Location of erythema
- Degree (mild, moderate, severe)

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION/ WOUND

- Location of contamination (with or without wounds)
- Radionuclide
- Type of wound (abrasion, burn, laceration)
- Survey instrument selection list
- Survey reading (counting) entry with sequential time measurements

User clicks on affected region, which is automatically entered in the "location" section of the appropriate data entry table.

Acute Radiation Syndromes - Phases

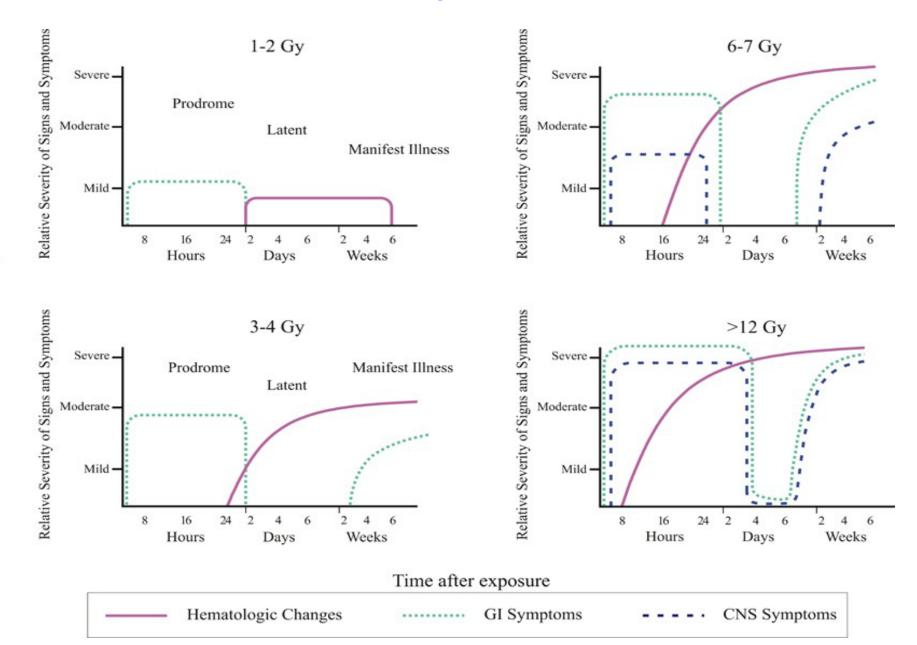


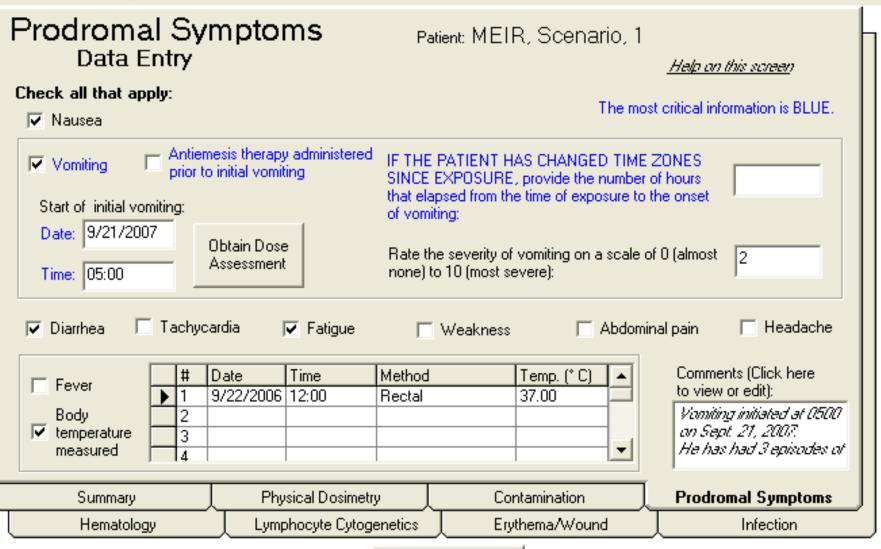
Table II.A.3 Prodromal phase of acute radiation syndrome

Doses	1-2 GyEq	2-4 GyEq	4-6 GyEq	6-8 GyEq	>8 GyEq
Vomiting					
(Onset)	after 2 h	1-2 h	within 1 h	within 30 min	within 10 min
(%)	10-50	70-90	100	100	100
Diarrhea			moderate	severe	severe
(Onset)	-		3-8 h	1-3 h	<1 h
(%)	*		<10	>10	100
Headache	slight	mild	moderate	severe	severe
(Onset)			4-24 h	3-4 h	1-2 h
(%)			50	80	80-90
Consciousness	unaffected	unaffected	unaffected	may be altered	unconsciousness
(%)					100
					(>50 Gy)
Body temperature	normal	increased	fever	high fever	high fever
(Onset)		1-3 h	1-2 h	<1 h	<1 h
(%)		10-80	80-100	100	100

Cited from the IAEA Safety Reports Series No. 2 (IA98) and modified. The doses are mainly gamma ray doses at the time of exposure.



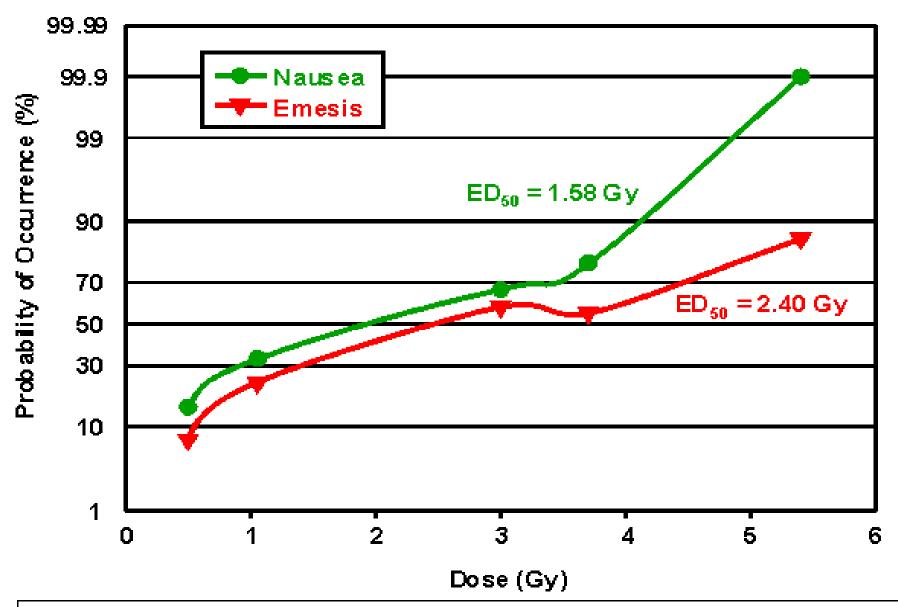
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ORAU Low-Dose Experiments 1964-1975

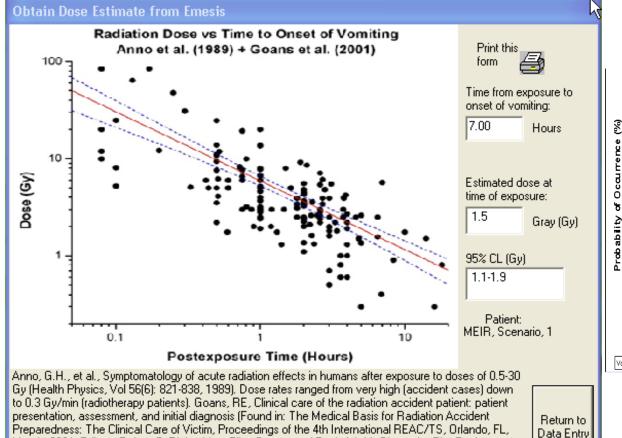


Vomiting induced by exposure to ionizing radiation vomits occurs in a fraction of exposed humans (Goans et al., in press).

Onset of Vomiting



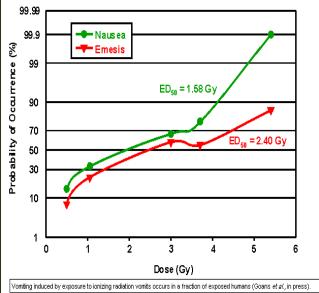
✓ Vomiting Γ	prior	emesis therapy ac to initial vomiting	IF THE PATIENT HAS CHANGED TIME ZONES SINCE EXPOSURE, provide the number of hours that elapsed from the time of exposure to the onset of vomiting:	
Date: 9/21/2001 Time: 05:00		Obtain Dose Assessment		2



March, 2001, Editors: Robert C. Ricks, Mary Ellen Berger, and Frederick M. Ohara, Jr., The Parthenon

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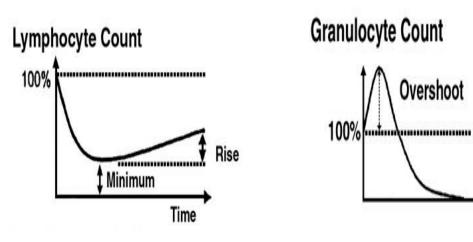
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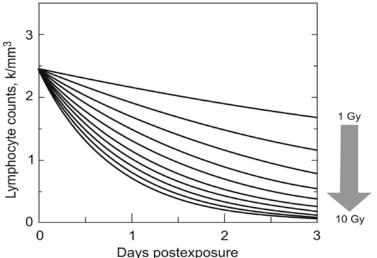
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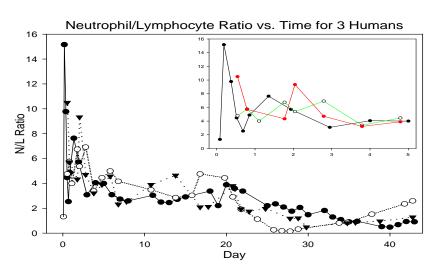
Hematological Biomarkers of Radiation Exposure

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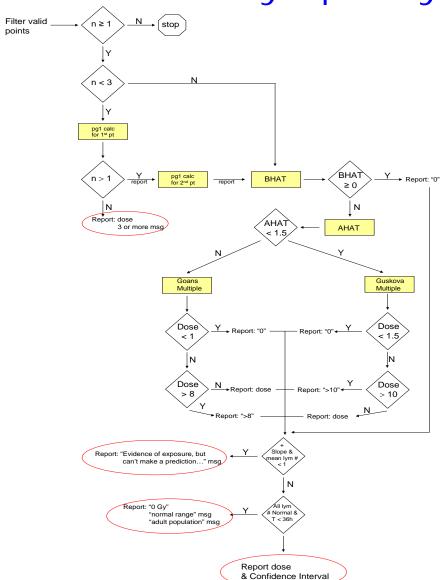


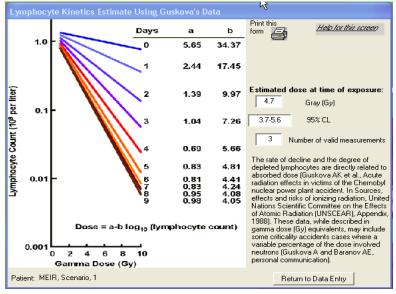
Ratio of neutrophils to lymphocytes proposed as an early biomarker of ARS (Zhang, Wald, and Day, 2005)

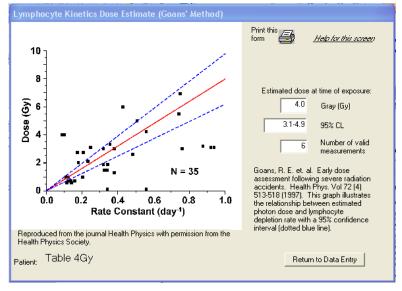


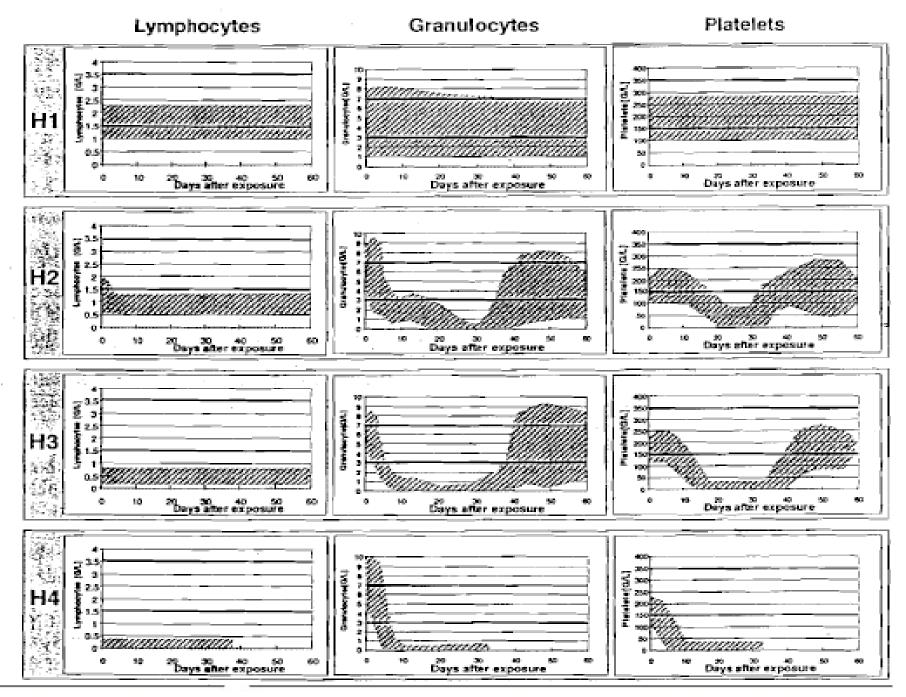


Dose Predictions Based on Lymphocyte Counts or Lymphocyte Depletion Kinetics





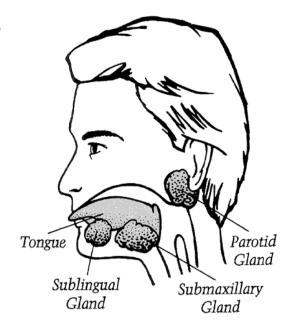




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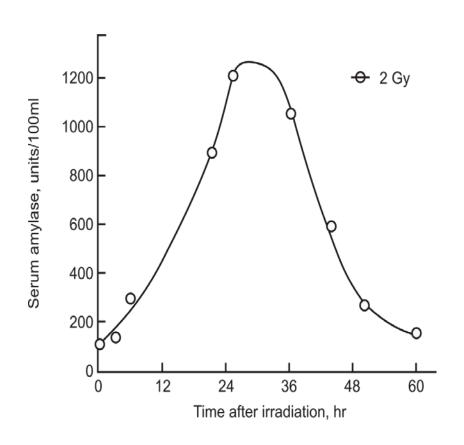
Radiation Sensitivity of Human Salivary Glands

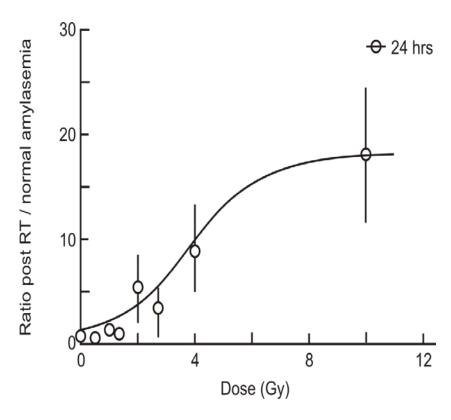
- The major salivary glands are the parotid, submandibular (submaxillary), and sublingual glands. Besides these glands, there are many tiny glands called minor salivary glands located in your lips, inner cheek area (buccal mucosa), and extensively in other linings of your mouth and throat.
- The parotid seems to be more sensitive to irradiation than the submandibular gland (Henriksson et al., Brit. J. Cancer 69(2): 320-6, 1994).
- The post-irradiation induced proliferative activity was higher in the intercalated duct compartment of the parotid gland than of the submandibular gland, which may be related to the increased radiosensitivity (Peter et al., Radiat. Res. 140(2): 257-65, 1994).



 Nagler suggested that the causes for the specific parotid radiosensitivity are transition, highly redox-active metal ions, such as Fe and Cu, associated with secretion granules (Nagler, In Vivo 17(4): 369-75, 2003).

Use of Salivary Amylase Levels in Blood as a Biodosimeter Salivary Amylase Activity Levels in Human Serum Irradiation





Chen et al., Radiation Research 54, 141-151 (1973)

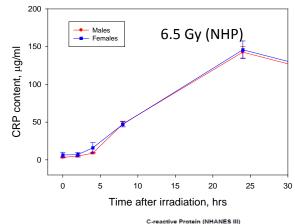
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Radiological Triage Concept Using CRP

(Ossetrova and Blakely)

Rapid FDA Approved Devices



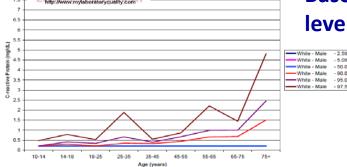


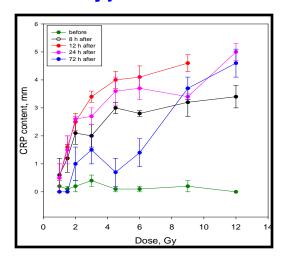
signal to noise

High

Blakely *et al.*, Health Physics, FEB 2010







Biodosimeter

Maltsev et al., [Report of Russian Academia of Sciences] 239(3): 750-2, 1978 (in Russian).

ARS Bioindicator

Prognosis for ARS based on CRP level in serum of blood of people damaged at Chernobyl NPP accident during primary reaction (3-9 days after irradiation).

Degree of ARS	CRP level ≥1 mm	CRP level: 0.5 mm	CRP level 0 mm	Total (row)
3-4	26	9	17	52
2	6	7	19	32
0-1	3	18	23	44
Total (column)	35	34	59	128

Mal'tsev VN *et al*. [The individual prognosis of the gravity and of the outcome of radiation disease on immunological indexes], Radiation Biology. Radioecology, 46(2), 152-158, 2006 (in Russian).

Table I. Acute-phase patient assessment methods.*

Assessment Method	Parameters for c	_		Applicable for scoring) or ARS
	for use in ear	for use in early (<5 d) triage screening			response category level t select for priority cytogenetic triage analys	
	Time for analysis	1	Estimate cost per sample, US Dollars		Triage dose, Gy	Response category levels
Direct Recording of Location History	< 2 min		-		3-7	
Direct Observation of Clinical Signs and Symptoms	< 5 min		-	Yes	3-7	1-4
Personal Monitoring (Direct, non invasive)						
- in vivo EPR	Unknown	Unk	nown		3-7	
- portable hand held meters (triage/screening)	< 5 min		-		-	
- portal monitors (triage/screening)	< 2 min		-		-	
- whole-body counting	> 25 min		-		-	
Personal Monitoring (Indirect, invasive)		Detection limit,#	Estimate cost per sample, US Dollars#			
- blood chemistry Amylase activity, CRP, etc.	< 3 min		<\$2	Yes	3-7	
- CBC and differential/lymphocyte count	< 2 min		<\$1	Yes	3-7	1-4
- in vitro EPR (i.e., nails)	<15 min		Unknown		3-7	
- nasal swab	> 1 d	50 pCi/swab	\$70		-	
- stool sample	> 1 d	5 pCi/g	\$80		-	
- urine sample (spot; 24-hr)	< 1 d; > 1 d	30 pCi/vial	\$90		-	
- cytogenetics (i.e., 20-50 metaphase triage; 1000	>3 days	1 Gy;	Unknown;		-	
metaphase analysis) Area Monitoring		0.2 Gy	\$500-3,000			
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 dosimetry results (e.g. TLDs, aerial measurements) combined with personal location information 	Unknown		-		3-/	

^{*}The Table was modified a version reported by Alexander and colleagues [2].

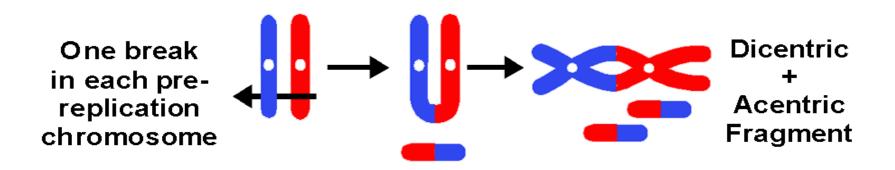
Note that the personal and area monitoring methods are listed in alphabetical order and, therefore, their location in the table does not infer priority or preference.

[#] Radiobioassay detection limits and costs are based on ¹³⁷Cs isotope and 1 min gamma-ray spectrometry analysis with high priority count (costs 3-times routine) with no automatic sample changers used. Detection limits for cytogenetic analysis are presented in acute photon equivalent dose in units of Gy.

Sample Accession (Peripheral Blood - Lymphocytes) Mitogen-Interphase Stimulated Cells Cells Metaphase-Cell Interphase-Cell Binucleated-Cell Spreads Spreads Spreads DCA FISH **CBMN** PCC **Dicentric** Types of Premature Cytokinesis Fluorescence (and ring) In Situ **Blocked** Chromosome Assay: Chromosom Condensation Micronuclei Hybridization e Abberation

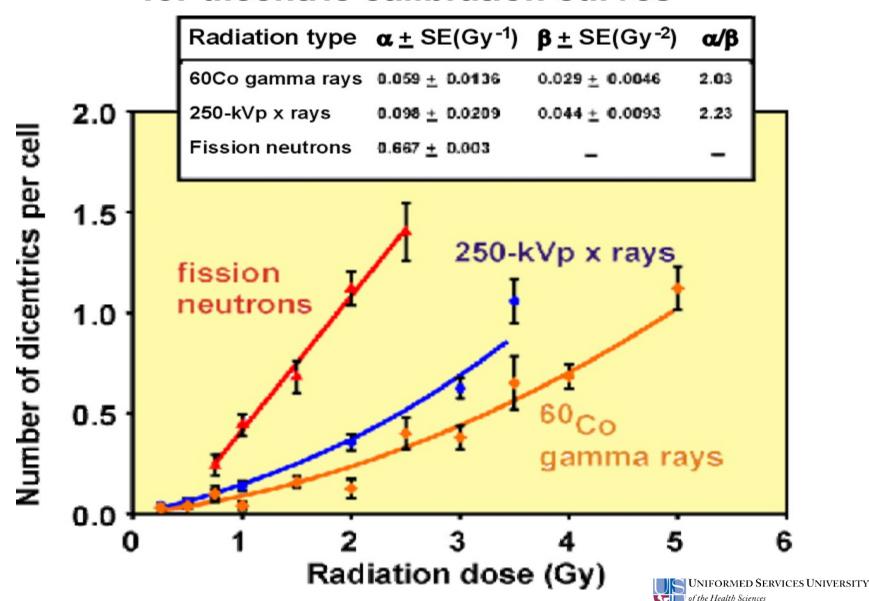
		Cytogenetic Chromo	osome Aberration Assays	
	Premature	Dicentric (and ring)	Fluorescent <i>in situ</i> hybridization	Cytokinesis block
	chromosome	chromosome aberration	(FISH) translocation	micronucleus
	condensation (PCC)	(DCA) assay	chromosome aberration	(CBMN) assay
	assay	•	(Translocation) assay	, , ,
Typical aberrations scored for biodosimetry applications	excess chromosome fragments dicentrics* (and rings) translocations*	dicentrics (and rings)	dicentrics* (and rings) translocations*	micronuclei
Typical radiation scenario applications	acute (including high doses)	low-level acute		acute
		protracted prior exposure	protracted prior exposure	
Photon equivalent, acute dose range (Gy) for whole-body dose assessment	0.2 to 20	0.1 to 5	0.25 to 4	0.3 to 5
Useful for partial-body exposure applications	Yes	Yes	NA#	NA
Useful for triage dose assessment	Yes	Yes	NA	Yes
Standardization of assay	NA	ISO standard for reference assay (1,000 metaphase spreads or 40 dicentrics) ISO standard for triage assay (20-50 metaphase spreads) - pending	NA	ISO standard for reference assay - pending

Lymphocyte Metaphase Spread Dicentric Assay



The dicentric assay has been validated and used for dose assessment in occupational and accidental exposure scenarios since it was introduced by Dr. M. Bender in 1964.

The coefficients α and β with estimates of SE for dicentric calibration curves



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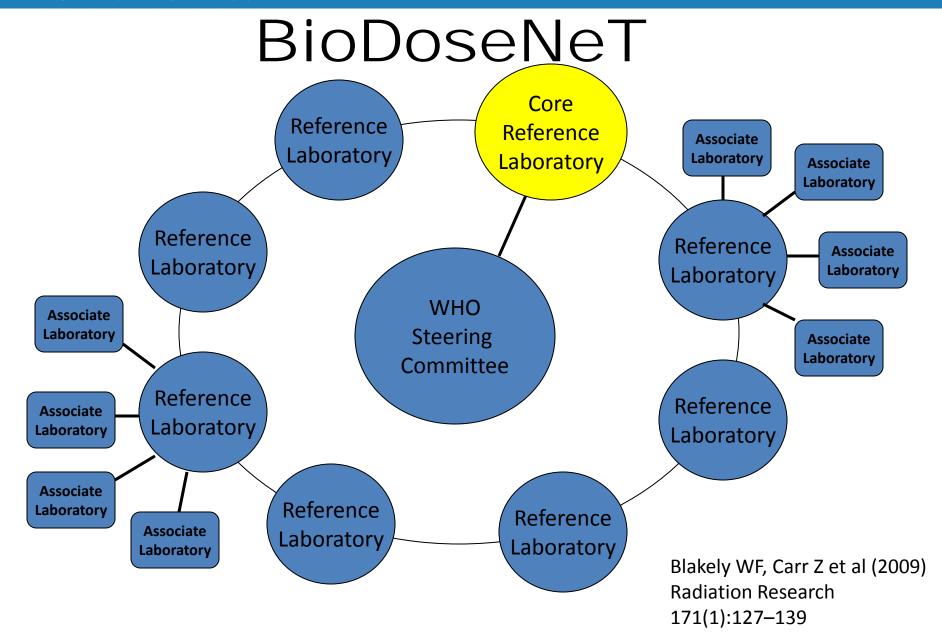
Strategies to Enhance Rapid Throughput for Cytogenetic Biodosimetry

- National expert cytogenetic biodosimetry laboratories
 - REAC/TS; AFRRI (USA)
- Triage and/or dicentric chromosome aberration (DCA) QuickScan scoring
 - Lloyd (UK); Wilkins (Canada)
- Use of commercial off-the-shelf automation devices (metaphase harvesters, metaphase spreaders, metaphase finders) and automated scoring
 - Prasanna, Ramakumar, and colleagues (AFRRI)
 - Romm and colleagues (Germany)
- An internet-based strategy to score digitized electronic images
 - Livingston (REAC/TS)
- Development of a network of reference and supplementary national and international cytogenetic biodosimetry laboratories
 - UK/France/Germany; Japan; Canada; USA; Latin America; South Korea



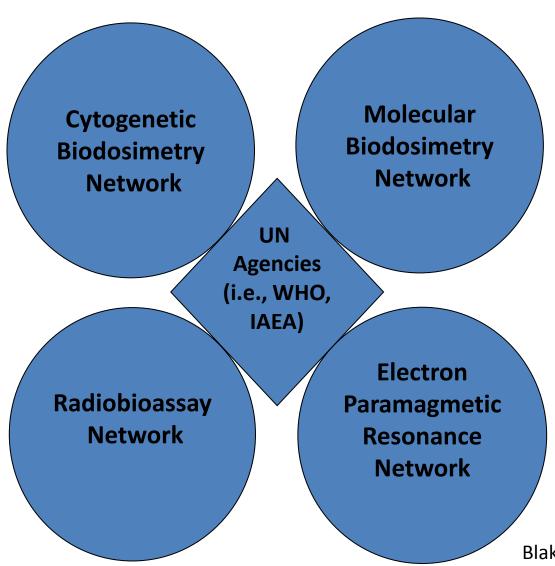
WHO Consultancy on BioDoseNet development – 17-18 December 2007





WHO's Network of Expert Reference Laboratories for Dose Assessment





Blakely WF, Carr Z et al (2009) Radiation Research 171(1):127–139

from various tissue system or organs **Candidate radiation** Candidate radiation bioindicator Radiation

Candidate radiation biomarkers and functional tests

system or organ	biomarker	or functional test	pathology	Reference
Gastrointe	stinal (GI) or Digestive System			
Parotid salivary	Amylase activity	↑ Serum or urinary amylase activity	Mucositis	Chen et al. 1973; Hofmann et al. 1990; Dubray et al. 1992; Becciolini et al. 2001; Blakely et al. 2007; Blakely

 ↓ Serum or plasma citrulline, neurotension or gastrin;

dual-sugar permeability test

measured in serum

↑ sugar concentration ratios using

gland

Citrulline, neurotension and

Cytokines (IL-1, IL-6, tumor

TGF-β, intracellular adhesion

Oxysterol 27-hydrocholesterol

necrosis factor, GM-CSF,

molecule, MMP

Cerebrovascular/Central Nervous System Oxysteril 24S-

hydroxycholesterol

gastrin hormones C-reactive protein (CRP); Serum amyloid A (SAA)

↑ Serum or plasma CRP or SAA; ↑ Plasma oxysterol 7a-

ARS subsyndrome; Hepatic tissue radiation injury

GIARS

subsyndrome

subsyndrome

Cutaneous ARS

Respiratory ARS

Cerebrovascular

ARS subyndrome

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Mal'tsev et al. 1978, 2006; Goltry et al. 1998; Koc et al. 2003; Roy et al. 2005; Ossetrova et al. 2007; 2010; Ossetrova and Blakely 2009; Blakely

Martin et al. 1997; Ulrich et al. 2003;

Liu et al. 2006; Muller and Meineke

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Lutgens et al. 2003, 2004; Vigneulle et

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Liver Oxysterol 7ahydroxycholesterol

Cutaneous System

Respiratory System

Tissue

Small

intestine

marrow

Lung

hydroxycholesterol Bone marrow ARS

↑ IL-1, IL-6, GM-CSF, TGF- β,

and MMP measured from skin

↑ plasma oxysterol 27-

↑ plasma oxysteril 24S-

hydrocholesterol

hydroxycholesterol

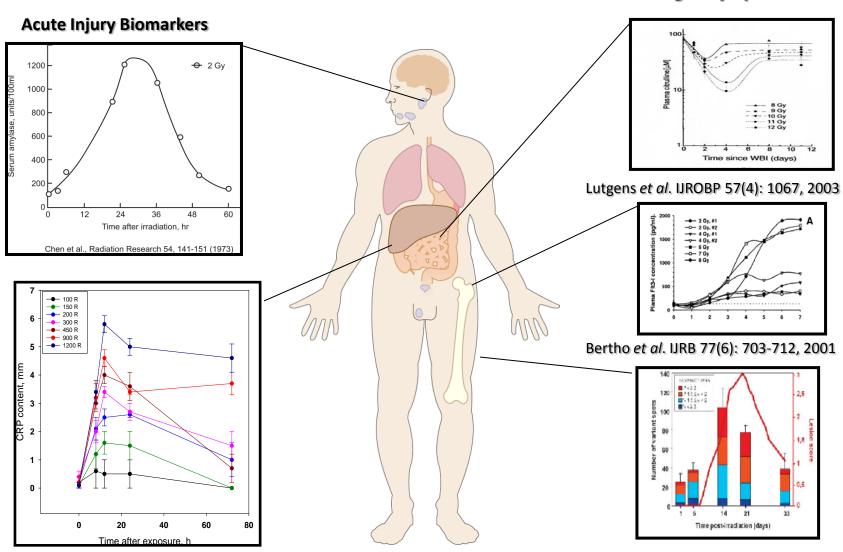
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intracellular adhesion molecule.

Hemopoietic System Bone Flt-3 ligand (Ftl-3), IL-6, G-CSF ↑ Serum or plasma Flt-3

Radiation Protein Biomarker Concept Time Course

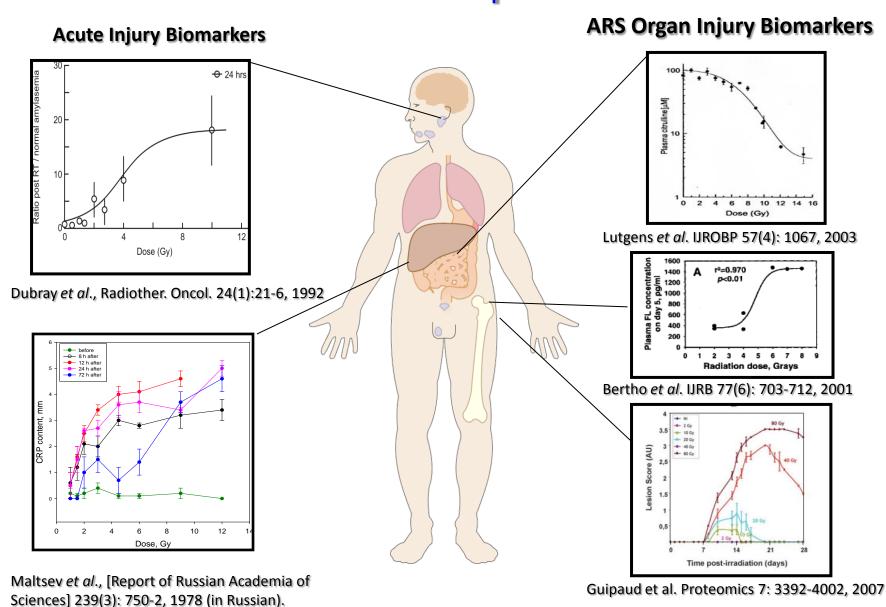
ARS Organ Injury Biomarkers



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Radiation Protein Biomarker Concept Dose Response



Select list of radiation-responsive blood based proteomic, metabolomic, and hematology biomarkers showing their dose range (for various models) and time-window for meaningful diagnosis of radiation injury and dose*

		Dose range (Gy)					
Proposed blood or serum biomarker	Pathways	Rodent studies	NHP studies	Human radiation therapy	Human radiation accidents	Time window for meaningful diagnostics	References
Salivary α- amylase activity	Parotid gland tissue injury	NA	0–8.5 Gy	0.5–10 Gy	3.5, 8, and 18 Gy (Tokai- mura)	12–36 h; peaks at 24 h	Hofmann et al. 1990; Dubray et al. 1992; Becciolini et al. 2001; Blakely et al. 2007; Blakely et al. 2010
IL-6, G-CSF	Immunostimulatory effects on bone marrow cells	1–7 Gy	6.5 Gy	NA	1–10 Gy	4–48 h; 3-8 d	Beetz et al. 1997; Gartel et al. 2002; Bellido et al. 1998; Ossetrova et al. 2007, 2009
Flt-3 ligand	Bone marrow aplasia	1–7 Gy	2-8 Gy	NA	0.25 to 4.5 Gy	24 h–10 d	Bertho et al. 2001; Bertho et al. 2008
CRP, SAA	Acute-phase reaction	1–7 Gy (SAA)	1–14 Gy (CRP)	1–20 Gy (CRP)	1–10 Gy (CRP)	6 h–4 d; 5-14 d	Mal'tsev et al. 1978, 2006; Koc et al. 2003; Goltry et al. 1998; Ossetrova et al. 2007, 2010; Ossetrova and Blakely, 2009; Blakely et al. 2010
Citrulline	Small bowel epithelial injury	1–14 Gy	Not done	1–20 Gy (2-Gy daily fractions)	~4.5 Gy	>24 h	Lutgens et al. 2003, 2004; Bertho et al. 2008
Lymphocytes, neutrophils, and ratio of neutrophils to lymphoyctes	Hematopoietic tissue injury	1–7 Gy	1–8.5 Gy	1–20 Gy	0–30 Gy	2 h–8 d	Goans et al. 1997; Guskova et al. 1997; Blakely et al. 2005, 2007; Ossetrova et al. 2010

^{*}Concept to use of multiple biomarkers for radiation injury and dose assessment (Blakely, Ossetrova et al., U.S. Patent Application No. 60/812.596.)

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"If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."